

October 31, 2003

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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Aside from these reasons, I find it shocking that the FCC should wish to "reserve" certain functions that computer software can perform, and prevent other parties than commercial companies from writing software that performs these functions.

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— I do not know what a broadcast flag is, I do know all of the above words and acronyms. Open source is critical to our National Security. I believe that the amateur service has historically contributed greatly to advances in technology. I view the contributors in the open source movement with similar awe.

I am active in neither.

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